

# Welcome to Reception

I have been so pleased with how well your child has settled into Conker Class and am looking forward to working with you all to ensure we have a productive and exciting year ahead of us. I hope you are looking forward to the successful outcomes your child will achieve.

## Small reminders:

Outdoor learning takes place every Tuesday morning where children will wear their wellies (provided by parents), outdoor trousers and waterproof coat (provided by the school).

On Thursday afternoon Conker Class will participate with PE taken by Mr Paul. They will be wearing their PE kit which includes shorts, t-shirt and daps/plimsolls if necessary.

The children are allowed to bring in their own water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day. The water will be changed on regular basis. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.

## What our day looks like in Conker Class

We begin with a fine motor activity to get our fingers and hands warmed up, ready to begin a 20 minute session on phonics, where we learn a new sound each day, including a reading and writing element. We then move onto a 30 minute learning through play experience. Conker Class then go to assembly, this is a religious based activity linking events to our Christian values. This half term we are focusing on 'Respect'. The children then go outside for break time with their chosen healthy snack. Conker Class then re-enter the classroom to complete a 20 minute maths session, followed by a 30 minute learning through play experience. They then have their lunch in the school hall followed by a run around on the top field. Once lunchtime is over they come in and get on with their handwriting, practising the sound they have been learning that day. Afterwards the children have a learning through play experience for the afternoon, ending the day with topic twice a week (Mondays and Wednesdays).

## Reading

Your child has been given a purple 'Trinity Church School' folder, which has a reading record, school book and laminated sounds. This needs to be brought to school every day. Our aim is to listen to your child read once a week between Monday and Wednesday, where their books will be changed with a comment in their reading records. Please check these folders every day. To support your child's reading and sounds, we would like you to listen to your child as much as possible at home and go through their sounds, as this will help them make significant progress with their early stages of reading.



